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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 12 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4389th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S/2001/881, S/2001/882/Add.1 and S/2001/883/Corr.2)

Morning* consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Georgia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4389th meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. 1468th meeting (closed) Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3 p.m. 36th (closed) meeting* Conference Room 7

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 24th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/56/372)

(b) List of nominations of the candidates by national groups (A/56/373 and Add.1)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/56/374 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Corr.2)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 8th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/ 130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM)

Angola

Malaysia

Republic of Congo

Madagascar

Sri Lanka

Nicaragua

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapters VI, IX-XI, A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (D-F, H), A/56/1 and Corr.1, A/56/159, S/2001/148, S/2001/398, S/2001/613); *item 91* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapter VIII, A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (A), A/56/67); *item 92* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapter V), A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (B)); *item 93* (A/56/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/56/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C), A/56/65; A/C.4/56/CRP.1); *item 94* (A/56/88)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (c) Science and technology for development

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.2 and L.3

2. International migration and development, including the question of convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.4

3. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103] (A/56/229, Add.1 and Corr.1, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/260, A/56/306)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103] (A/56/229, Add.1 and Corr.1, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/260, A/56/306)

Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/402–E/2001/105, A/56/403*, A/56/83, A56/151*, A/56/155, A/56/380)

2. International drug control [111] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/83, A/56/157)

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 128 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/56/34 and Corr.1 and A/56/84, A/56/135 and A/56/356))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165] (A/56/33, A/56/303 and A/56/330)

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173] (A/56/191)

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Special briefing

There will be a special briefing for members of the Fifth Committee on the work of the International Civil Service Commission by the secretariat of the Commission *today*, 12 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 12 October 2001

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on the Internaitonal Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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There will be a meeting of the Rio Group *(on financing for development) today*, 12 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

The consultation with members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Rapid Deployment and Strategic Deployment Stocks" will continue *today*, 12 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Two letters on this subject, including an information note and materials, were sent to all the members of the Special Committee. For further information, please contact Ms. Michiko Kuroda (room S-3630C; tel.: (212) 963-5440; e-mail: kuroda@un.org).

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the biennal draft resolution on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, *today*, 12 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, *today*, 12 October 2001, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 15 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	25th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/366) [7]

2. Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

3 p.m.	26th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Tuesday, 16 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Wednesday, 31 October, and Thursday, 1 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

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Threre will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)* on Saturday, 13 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The New York segment of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament will take place from 15 October to 9 November 2001 in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of women's rights and the role of the civil society", organized by the delegation of the Republic of Korea, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the draft resolution on the 2005 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, organized by the delegation of Algeria, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers", organized by the delegation of Mexico, on Monday, 15 October 2001, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will hold a briefing for the representatives of Member States on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1, regarding the results of the World Conference Against Racism held in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

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Panel discussion

In conjunction with the resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Financing the New Health Agenda", organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jorge Eduardo Navarrete, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Mexico to the United Nations. The panellists will include H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Permanent Mission of Sweden and Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee; Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, UNDP; and Dr. Andrew Cassels, Director, Health and Development, WHO, Geneva.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Belarus, New Zealand, Ecuador, Cuba, South Africa, the Sudan, Venezuela, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam and the Russian Federation.

7th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Qatar, Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cambodia, Burkina Faso, Australia, Paraguay and Nigeria.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 10th meeting

Organization of work

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, on an exceptional basis, to consider agenda items 95 (a), 95 (b), 95 (d), 105 and 107 as a cluster, with introductions only by the Secretariat, with no debate and with procedural resolutions only. The Committee also decided not to meet during the general debate of the General Assembly.

Based on these decisions, the Secretary of the Committee introduced the revised programme of work. The Committee adopted the revised programme of work (A/C.2/56/L.1/Rev.1* (to be issued)).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Canada.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) International financial system and development

(d) External debt crisis and development

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda subitems.

The Director, Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

A representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development also made an introductory statement.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement on procedure.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 7th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of these items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Japan, China, Sri Lanka, Nepal, India, Cameroon, Sweden, Belarus, Ethiopia, Israel, Guyana, Benin (also on behalf of Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, the Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo) and Madagascar.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social affairs made some closing remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the items.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 8, paras. 103-113))

Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 6, paras. 80-94))

Profitability of commercial activities (A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 9, para. 114))

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/835, A/55/546 and A/55/780) and apprised the Committee on the capital master plan.

Development Account (A/55/913 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 10, para. 115))

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account (A/55/913).

The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in Chapter I, Section E of document A/56/7.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia (regarding information technology)), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, China and India.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services and the Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

The Committee continued its consideration of item 165. Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Algeria, China, Nigeria, Cuba, India, Turkey, Ukraine, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Guatemala, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Haiti.

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172]

The representative of Monaco made a statement and introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/56/L.2. Statements were also made by the representatives of Malaysia, Sierra Leone, Egypt, Morocco and Colombia.

It was announced that Algeria, China, Chile, Cuba, Egypt, Greece, Germany, India, Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine and Yugoslavia had joined the list of co-sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 172.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2001

9th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [3]

The Conference resumed its consideration of the item. The Chairman of the Round Table of Parliamentarians, Mr. Girigissou Gado, made a statement in which he introduced a draft decision entitled "Report on the fourth Round Table of Parliamentarians", contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/L.13.

The Conference adopted draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.13.

Special segment on the implementation of the Convention

The Conference then continued its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard statements by Mrs. Fatou Alamine Lo, Representative of Senegal to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Mr. Fared Mugwer, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Yemen; Ms. Sushma Choudhary, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest of India; H.E. Mr. Mya Than, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations Office at Geneva; H.E. Dr. Tawfik Salloum, Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva; H.E. Mr. Franco Micieli de Biase, Head of Delegation of Italy; Mr. Salvano Briceno, Director of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR); Mr. Hassen Seoud, Director-General of the Arab Centre for Studies of Arid Zones and Drylands (ACSAD) (on behalf of the League of Arab States); Mr. El Mostafa Darfaoui, Deputy Director of Technical and Scientific Cooperation of the Arab Organization of Agricultural Development; H.E. Mr. Pelokgale K. Seloma, Assistant Minister of Agriculture of Botswana; H.E. Mr. Essy Amara, Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU); Mr. Tiega Anada, Regional Coordinator for Africa of the Ramsar Convention; Mr. Issa Al Baradeiya, Director-General of Environmental Resources, Ministry of the Environment of Palestine; Mr. Abdel El-Bettagy, Director-General of the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA); Mr. Getachew Eshete, Head, Ecosystem Department, Environmental Protection Authority of Ethiopia; H.E. Ms. Norma Nascimbene de Dumont, Representative of Argentina to the United Nations Office at Geneva; M. Sylvèstre Zidona, Head of Cabinet of the Second Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi; Mr. David Sooialo Fong, Assistant Director for the Department of Lands, Surveys and Environment of Samoa; Mr. Peniasi Kunatuba, Permanent Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests of Fiji; Mr. Michael Constantinides, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus; and Mrs. Patricia Hajabakiga, Secretary-General, Ministry of Lands, Human Resettlement and Environmental Protection of Rwanda.

10th meeting

Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue sessions [11]

The Conference resumed its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention.

Presentations were made by the representatives of the following organizations: Trinidad and Tobago Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD); Association de Formation et d'Appui au Développement (AFAD); Drylands Coordination Group; Fundación del Sur; International Central Asian Network on Biodiversity; and AG Desertifikation/Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung (Working Group on Desertification); as well as by the representative of Argentina.

The representatives of Mauritania, Senegal, Ethiopia, Mali, Malawi, Norway, China, Sweden, Armenia, Denmark, Uzbekistan and the Niger, as well as the observer for the Holy See, took the floor.

The representatives of ENDA TM (Senegal), SCOPE (Pakistan) and ENDA Tiers Monde (Senegal) also took the floor.

Special segment on the implementation of the Convention

The Conference continued its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard statements by Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Co-Project Manager, Ministry of the Environment, Local Government and Rural Development of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Jae-Gil Lee, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office at Geneva; H.E. Ms. Maria Madalena Neves Brito, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Cap Verde; Dr. I. Nyoman Yuliarsana, Director for Watershed Management and Land Rehabilitation, Ministry of Forestry of Indonesia; Mr. Abdel-Moneim Hagazi, Director, Desert Research Centre of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Koum Saron, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia; Mr. O. G. Sallah, Permanent Secretary, Department of State for Fisheries, Natural Resources and Environment (on behalf of the Secretary of State) of the Gambia; Mr. Mustapha Goussanem, Director for Studies and International Cooperation, Department of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture of Algeria; H.E. Mr. Toufiq Ali, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office at Geneva; and Mr. Mordechai Yedid, Deputy Director-General in charge of United Nations and International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel.

The Conference thus concluded its special segment on the implementation of the Convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New stamps and souvenir sheets

On Thursday, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

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